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Ms. Cynthia Brown Chief of the Section of Administration Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation

-- Petition for Declaratory Order

Fin. Dkt. No. 35305

Dear Ms Brown:

Pursuant to the Decision served December 1, 2009 in the above-referenced docket, the United States Department of Transportation hereby gives notice of its intention to participate in this proceeding. Please designate the undersigned representative of the Department of Transportation as Party of Record, to receive all pleadings, correspondence, decisions, and other documents submitted for the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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